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## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image-forming-job managing apparatus for managing image-forming jobs issued from at least one terminal to a first image-forming apparatus,  
5 comprising:

a communication section configured to execute communication with at least one second image-forming apparatus connected thereto via a communication line;

a job storage configured to sequentially store the  
10 image-forming jobs issued from the terminal;

a job display control section configured to display, on a display, information contained in the image-forming jobs that are stored in the job storage, upon receiving a request for displaying the image-  
15 forming jobs; and

a job transfer section configured to extract one of the image-forming jobs stored in the job storage, upon receiving a request for changing an output destination of the one of the image-forming jobs, thereby transferring it to the second image-forming  
20 apparatus designated as the output destination, via the communication section.

2. The image-forming-job managing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

25 a machine information search section configured to search machine information on the second image-forming apparatus connected via the communication line; and

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a machine information display control section configured to display, on the display, the machine information on the second image-forming apparatus searched by the machine information search section.

5           3. The image-forming-job managing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a job change section configured to change information of one of the image-forming jobs stored in the job storage, upon receiving a request for changing the information of the  
10 one of the image-forming jobs.

          4. The image-forming-job managing apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising a job change section configured to change information of one of the image-forming jobs stored in the job storage, upon  
15 receiving a request for changing the information of the one of the image-forming jobs.

          5. The image-forming-job managing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

          the job display control section is configured to  
20 display, on a display of the terminal, the information of the image-forming jobs stored in the job storage, upon receiving, from the terminal, a request for displaying the information of the image-forming jobs;  
and

25           the job transfer section is configured to extract one of the image-forming jobs stored in the job storage, upon receiving, from the terminal, a request

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for changing an output destination of the one of the image-forming jobs, thereby transferring it to the second image-forming apparatus designated as the output destination, via the communication section.

5           6. The image-forming-job managing apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising:

a machine information search section configured to search machine information on the second image-forming apparatus connected via the communication line; and

10           a machine information display control section configured to display, on the display of the terminal, the machine information on the second image-forming apparatus searched by the machine information search section.

15           7. The image-forming-job managing apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising a job change section configured to change information of one of the image-forming jobs stored in the job storage, upon receiving, from the terminal, a request for changing  
20 the information of the one of the image-forming jobs.

8. An image-forming-job managing apparatus for managing image-forming jobs issued from at least one terminal to a first image-forming apparatus, comprising:

25           means for executing communication with at least one second image-forming apparatus connected thereto via a communication line;

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means for sequentially storing, in a job storage,  
the image-forming jobs issued from the terminal;

means for displaying, on a display, information  
contained in the image-forming jobs that are stored in  
5 the job storage, upon receiving a request for  
displaying the image-forming jobs; and

means for extracting one of the image-forming jobs  
stored in the job storage, upon receiving a request for  
changing an output destination of the one of the image-  
10 forming jobs, thereby transferring it to the second  
image-forming apparatus designated as the output  
destination, via the communication means.

9. The image-forming-job managing apparatus  
according to claim 8, further comprising:

15 means for searching machine information on the  
second image-forming apparatus connected via the  
communication line; and

means for displaying, on the display, the machine  
information on the second image-forming apparatus  
20 searched by the searching means.

10. The image-forming-job managing apparatus  
according to claim 8, further comprising means for  
changing information of one of the image-forming jobs  
stored in the job storage, upon receiving a request for  
25 changing the information of the one of the image-  
forming jobs.

11. The image-forming-job managing apparatus

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according to claim 9, further comprising means for changing information of one of the image-forming jobs stored in the job storage, upon receiving a request for changing the information of the one of the image-forming jobs.

12. An image-forming-job managing method of managing image-forming jobs issued from at least one terminal to a first image-forming apparatus, comprising:

10 sequentially storing, in a job storage, the image-forming jobs issued from the terminal;

displaying, on a display, information contained in the image-forming jobs that are stored in the job storage, upon receiving a request for displaying the image-forming jobs; and

15 extracting one of the image-forming jobs stored in the job storage, upon receiving a request for changing an output destination of the one of the image-forming jobs, thereby transferring it to a second image-forming apparatus designated as the output destination, via a communication line.

13. The image-forming-job managing method according to claim 12, including:

25 searching machine information on at least one second image-forming apparatus connected via the communication line; and

displaying, on the display, the machine

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information on the searched second image-forming  
apparatus.